GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1189
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EVACUATION OF INDIANS FROM LEBANON .
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) The number of Indians living in Lebanon at present;

(b) Whether the Government has made any arrangements for the evacuation of the Indians from Lebanon;

(c) If so, the details in this regard; and

(d) The number of Indians evacuated so far from Lebanon?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS(SHRI E. AHAMED)

(a) At the outbreak of hostilities in Lebanon approximately 12,000 Indian nationals were resident in Lebanon.

(b) Yes.

(c) & (d) So far 1687 Indians have been evacuated from Lebanon to India. They were taken on Indian naval ships from Beirut to Larnaca in Cyprus, from where they were transported in Air India planes to India.